

**Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Natural Resource Commission**

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DECISION

TOPIC

Wildlife Habitat Promotion With Local Entities Program Grant Review

In 1979, the Iowa General Assembly passed legislation requiring hunters and trappers to purchase a wildlife habitat stamp. All revenue derived from the sale habitat stamps are used within the state of Iowa for acquisition of land, leasing of land, or obtaining easements from willing sellers for use as wildlife habitats and for the development and enhancement of wildlife lands and habitat areas. At least 50 percent of the stamp revenues are apportioned to local entities (county conservation boards) on a semiannual basis each year. Cost sharing will not be approved for more than 75 percent of the approved appraised value. The Wildlife Habitat Stamp Fund Program is administered by the DNR in compliance with Iowa Administrative Code 571-23.

Natural Resource Commission approval is requested for the wildlife habitat grant recommendations. The Wildlife Habitat Promotion with Local Entities Program Grant Review Committee met on January 15, 2010, to review a total of 7 county conservation board projects requesting \$636,906.00 in Habitat Funds. A total of \$375,000.00 was available for this grant review.

The committee recommends fully funding the top four (4) ranked projects and the remaining funds of \$2,680.00, along with any undistributed funds from previous grant cycles, to the next ranked projects. Undistributed funds may be available from cost savings on other projects and/or previous funds declined by county conservation boards. If the next ranked project declines the remaining funding, the Department requests authority to offer those funds to the next highest scored project.

Rank by Score	County	Project	Acres	Grant Request	Grant Awarded	Total Project Cost
1	Hancock	Upper Grove Wildlife Area	79	40,000.00	40,000.00	150,000.00
2	Sioux	Fairview Wildlife Complex	112	261,450.00	261,450.00	365,400.00
3	Wright	McClenahan Wildlife Area	65	25,870.00	25,870.00	106,620.00
4	Clinton	Mangelsen Addition	100.4	45,000.00	45,000.00	105,000.00
5	Linn	Matsell Bridge Natural Area	79	168,000.00	2,680.00	327,150.00
6	Black Hawk	Twin Springs	56.24	27,655.00	0	143,412.00

The project described in the table below represents the unsuccessful grant applicants. It is provided for the Commission's information but is not recommended for funding at this time.

Dallas	Burket Wetland	69	68,931.00	0	284,500.00
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